

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-602

March 10, 1998

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Re: Revisions to Optional Targeted
Service Rate: General Service -
Economic Development Rider (EDR)
(ARP 92-345)

ORDER APPROVING
CONTRACT REVISIONS

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and HUNT, Commissioners

SUMMARY OF DECISION

By this Order, the Commission approves Central Maine Power Company's revisions to its Optional Targeted Service Rate: General Service - Economic Development Rider (EDR) and accompanying standard form contracts. The Commission also establishes that no separate filing or approval is required for customized standard form contracts entered into pursuant to this optional targeted rate. Finally the Commission extends the waivers of the revenue and total resource cost tests for this program, through December 31, 1998.

DISCUSSION

On February 13, 1998, CMP filed proposed revisions to its EDR rate schedules for approval, pursuant to its Alternative Rate Plan (ARP). CMP noted that the purpose of this filing is to extend the availability of the EDR program¹ for another six month period, thereby allowing new contracts to be entered into until December 31, 1998, for terms not to extend beyond February 28, 2000.

CMP also requested the Commission establish by order that no separate filing or approval is required for individual standard form contracts entered into pursuant to this rate schedule. In its Order dated August 1, 1995 in Docket Nos. 95-600 and 95-610, the Commission determined that when contracts vary from an approved standard form only by inclusion of customer specific information, the Commission is not required to review and approve

¹The EDR rate schedule was approved by Commission Order, dated June 9, 1995, in Docket No. 95-606. The first set of revisions to Rate EDR were allowed to be effective pursuant to the Director of Technical Analysis's letter to the Commission dated September 11, 1996 in Docket No. 96-624.

the individual contracts. The Commission established monthly reporting requirements in lieu of such individual review and approval.

CMP further requested that the Commission continue the previous waivers of the total resource cost and revenue tests for the EDR rate, consistent with the May 26, 1995 Stipulation of the original Economic Development Rider, and the extension of the waivers by Order in Dockets 95-606 and 96-624.

We have examined the proposed revisions to the EDR rate schedules and standard form contracts and find them to be consistent with the flexible pricing criteria and goals as set forth in CMP's ARP. Further, we have considered, and hereby approve, CMP's request that it not be required to file with the Commission the individual contracts that are entered into pursuant to these standard forms. CMP is, of course, required to include information regarding such contracts in the monthly reports to the Commission, pursuant to the Commission's August 1, 1995 Order in Docket Nos. 95-600 and 95-610. Finally, we will continue the waiver of the total resource cost and revenue tests for this program as requested by CMP.

Accordingly, we

O R D E R

1. That Central Maine Power Company's proposed Optional Targeted Service Rate: General Service -- Economic Development Rider (EDR), Second Revision to Pages 33.00 and 33.20, filed February 13, 1998, is approved and shall take effect on March 15, 1998, as requested.

2. That the standard form contracts included in the Company's February 13, 1998 filing are hereby approved. Further, no filing or approval is required for individual standard form contracts entered into pursuant to these standard form contracts.

3. That the total resource cost and revenue tests for the EDR rate are waived through December 31, 1998.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 10th day of March, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Nugent
Hunt

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

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1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73 et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320 (5).

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